



Tempe Public Art



Design team artist:
Laurie Lundquist
Flyover Bridge, 2004

Concrete and painted steel

Location: Country Club Way
Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge
Country Club Way and
U.S. Route 60

Artist Website:
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Photo: Laurie Lundquist

Description: As part of a freeway widening project, this bicycle/pedestrian bridge was built across U.S. Route 60 at Country Club Way to connect the neighborhoods north and south of the freeway. In conjunction with the design team and engineers, the artist was commissioned to create an overall design for the bridge, as well as the adjoining parks that flank the bridge. To gather input for her design, Lundquist worked extensively with neighborhood and school groups resulting in a sky-blue bridge linking the residential areas of Cole Park and Bustoz Elementary School on the south side with Rotary Park and the Ward School Campus on the north. With a shape and color designed to blend with the surrounding area, the box-truss style bridge is married with a “wing-inspired” design that creates a play of light and movement, reminiscent of a bird’s wing in flight.

Artist biography: Laurie Lundquist is a public artist with a deep interest in natural systems and geography. She aspires to design places or circumstances that will trigger a sense of connection to our surroundings. Lundquist draws on specific observations, local memories and visible landmarks to underscore the identity of a given place. She received a certificate in Landscape Management from Penn State, a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Maine College of Art and a Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture from Arizona State University in 1990. Lundquist often collaborates with architects, engineers and planners on the integration of art into the overall design of public projects.

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